GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CITRUS FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has taken steps to encourage small farmers to adopt programme to grow citrus fruits on the lines of initiative taken by the Council for Citrus and Agro Juicing in Punjab ;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the availability and supply of tissue cultured rootstock plants for growing citrus orchards under the programme; and

(c) The funds provided for the purpose, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) :Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `National Horticulture Mission (NHM)`, being implemented by the Government since 2005-06, all category of farmers are being encouraged to take up cultivation of horticulture crops including fruits like citrus.

(b):The Scheme is in operation in 18 States and two Union Territories, wherein citrus has been identified as a focus crop in 10 States including Punjab. Establishment of nurseries and rehabilitation of tissue culture units both in the public and private sector has been envisaged under the NHM for making available quality planting material to the farmers.While Model nurseries produce 4 lakh plants per year, the small nurseries have to produce 60,000 to 80,000 plants per year. During 2005-06, funds have been provided for setting up 216 nurseries and rehabilitation of 27 tissue culture labs in the citrus producing States.

(c): State-wise details of funds provided during 2005-06 for establishment of nurseries and rehabilitation of tissue culture labs is given at Annexure.

Annexure

(Rs. in lakh)

State	Setting up of Nurseries Tissue culture units		Rehabilitation of existing	
	Physical (No.)	Financial	Physical(No.)	Financial
Andhra Pradesh	5	90.00	1	8.00
Bihar	17	156.00	1	8.00
Gujarat	42	157.50	8	36.00
Haryana	6	48.00	2	16.00
Jharkhand	75	348.00		
Madhya Pradesh	20	226.50	5	40.00
Maharashtra	26	234.00	6	48.00
Punjab	6	49.00	1	8.00
Rajasthan-	15	105.00		
West Bengal	4	72.00	3	24.00
Total	216	1486.00	27	188.00